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- 1. The Poland-China Shipping Line has now 16 ships in service, the majority of them approximately of 10,000 tons. This number is to be increased Each ship makes one or two voyages to and fro yearly. They sail direct from Gdynia to China without calling at any ports en route. The voyages last from three to six months. The ships call at many ports in China, most frequently at Dairen and Chinwangtao. The Polish agents for this Line in China are located in Tientsin.
- 2. The main cargo carried from Poland consists of Czech Skoda trucks. On the return voyage the ships bring back mixed cargoes, mainly pig iron and cotton. In Chinese ports, as in Soviet ones, the crews are not allowed ashore without special passes issued by the local authorities. The ships are guarded by armed sentries while in port. Almost the only chance of going into the towns or of penetrating further inland is by joining conducted sight-seeing tours arranged by the Chinese Communist organizations. A representative of the Polish Consulate always accompanies the parties.
- 3. The recently appointed director of the Poland-China Shipping Line, representing the Chinese, General Wu, has left Gdynia for official service talks in China, but he left his wife and son behind in Gdynia. Dora Levin has been appointed director representing the Poles; her office will be at Gdynia. The present director of the Line, Tadeusz Gronowski, who is officiating in China, is to be recalled to Poland.

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